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### **Corrections Employee Week**

In 1984 President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation creating National Correctional Employees Week, to be celebrated the first full week in May. May 2 – 8, 2010 is set aside to recognize and honor correctional personnel and the work they do.

“I do not want the week to go by with our OJJ staff being unnoticed,” said Dr. Mary Livers. “Your contribution to public safety and to the youth in our care and custody is important not only to the young people themselves, but also to the citizens of Louisiana.”

Dr. Livers said she had hoped to authorize a special recognition event at each worksite throughout the agency, but decided against doing so given the current budget situation. “I know you understand how tight our budget is for the rest of the fiscal year,” she said. Please know that even though we are not able to cook a hamburger or hot dog for you this year, we want you to know that you are appreciated.”

Juvenile and adult correctional employees nationwide are being recognized. “I want to honor the service of employees who work daily with youth under demanding circumstances,” Dr. Livers said. “I extend the highest praise to OJJ staff who work with our youth. You are our greatest asset.